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CORONA: White House Approval

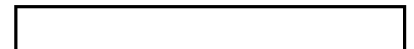
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On 30 January 1961 [] Ch/DPD Security, X
briefed General Clifton on Projects O, IDEA, CORONA and
ARGON, at the request of B/G Andrew J Goodpaster.
(B) Gen. Chester V. Clifton, U.S. Army, was new military aide
to President Kennedy).

Toward the conclusion of the briefing, Gen. Goodpaster
entered the office and mention was made, in line with a suggestion
made by Mr. Eugene Kiefer, that with regard to the CORONA program
the Agency has been given blanket authority for this operation
without obtaining specific White House approval before each shot.
General Goodpaster stated that this was in fact restricted
only by budgetary allocations. This matter led to a discussion
between Gen Goodpaster and Gen Clifton with regard to the
necessity of keeping the President informed as to these shots.
However, Gen Goodpaster pointed out that it is not necessary
any more to advise the President of each Polaris and other
miscellaneous missile launching. Gen Clifton inquired as to
who would keep him apprised of Agency operations under these
programs and Gen Goodpaster volunteered that Mr. Bissell is
the one who will communicate with Gen Clifton in this regard.

With regard to White House approval for flights under Project IDEA,
Gen Goodpaster mentioned the fact that Mr. McGeorge Bundy
would be the officer on the WH Staff who would communicate
WH concurrence in such flights. It was gathered from the discus-
sions between G & C that the exact area of responsibility of
Gen C and Mr. Bundy has not been precisely defined at the moment..

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This date [] afforded the V P a briefing on IDEA, COR AND A
(but not OX). Mr. Johnson read the briefing brochures and signed
one Memo of Understanding. The AF Aide to the VP, Col. Howard Burris,
was briefed prior to the VP and attended the briefing of Mr. Johnson.
No questions were asked.



COR Costs 30 September 1960

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[redacted] Contracts, DPD visited ITEK
with [redacted] of LMSD on 29 Sept to review
costs of foll programs

a. CY 61 COR (3 cameras and 3 GE units)

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ITEK
GE

[redacted]

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* [redacted] to Fairchild and [redacted] to Itek for
qualification testing.

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b. CY 61 COR Program (6 cameras and 6 GE units)

LMSD
ITEK
GE

[redacted]

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c. Increase C' Program to include 3 addtl complete units
and cancel CY 61 program

Itek-Fairchild costs of termination CY 61

[redacted]

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LMSD costs of termination CY 61 program

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[redacted]

Itek test
Itek Fld sup
GE
LMSD

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d. COR triple prime (6 cameras plus 2 for qual and 6 GE units)

ITEK
GE
LMSD

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